

Sunday 3 August 2025, 10am
The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

The Eucharist

Presider
Revd Richard Carter

Preacher
Revd Andrew Woodward

Soloist
Sarah Keating

Organist
Benjamin Frost

Setting
Mass of St Thomas *Thorne*

Welcome

Our welcomers are available to assist with any of the following information. Toilets are available: please ask a welcomer.

Welcome whether you are joining us today in our building or online. Our cameras focus on those who are leading our service, but if you are in the building and would like to ensure that you are not caught on camera, please sit outside the pillars on the south of the church (to the right as you enter).

Welcome if you are disabled, unwell, have experiences of dementia, physical, sensory or mental health issues, or are neurodivergent. The order of service is online. Large print copies are also available. The hearing loop works best on the south side of the church. Step-free access to church is via the ramp on the north side, and to the Crypt and Hall via lifts in the NW porch and Pavilion.

Welcome to babies, children and young people. We understand that young children make noise. If your baby becomes upset during the service, you are welcome to go to the back of church if needed to settle — or to our children's church room. We support breastfeeding in services; we also have a room allocated if preferred. We have a children's church group during the service. A youth group for teenagers meets monthly on Sunday afternoons.

Welcome to anyone in need of safeguarding. If you would like to reach our safeguarding team, you can email safeguarding@smitf.org.

Welcome to all heritages and experiences of race, culture and language. At the Lord's Prayer, all are invited to bring the gift of our preferred language to our worship. Our 1.30pm is in Cantonese: our welcomers are happy to help where they can if you are new to English. You are also very welcome if you are LGBTQIA+.

Welcome if you are of no professed faith or are from a faith tradition other than Christianity. Welcome if you are wary of faith. **Welcome** if you're exploring. **Welcome** if you are here to support someone else. If you would like to explore what you believe in a friendly and non-judgemental group, our Being With courses run throughout the year online and in the building. Email beingwith@smitf.org for more details.

You are welcome to share our meal with God. When we come to Holy Communion, we receive bread in the form of a wafer, then wine from a common cup. Non-alcoholic wine and gluten-free wafers are available in the south aisle. If you need to receive in your seat, please let a welcomer know and ministers will come to you. If you do not want to or cannot receive bread or wine for whatever reason you are welcome to let the priest know you would like to receive a simple prayer for blessing, or to stay in your seat. We welcome your ideas and help for us to become a more welcoming community.

We are glad you are here.

The Gathering

Introit Lord, make me an instrument *Jonathan Willcocks*

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, may there be union, where there is doubt, faith; Lord, make me an instrument... where there is despair, let there be hope, where there is darkness, light, where there is sadness, may there be joy. Lord, make me an instrument... May we all be in peace, and only peace, and may that peace come unto each of us.

Attr. St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) and the Vedas

Welcome

Please stand. Silence is kept.

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

We acknowledge God's presence drawing each of us into one body as we gather on site and online.

Visit us Lord, by your Holy Spirit.

**All Though in many places, we are united as one body.
Though from many backgrounds, we share one hope.**

Opening Hymn

- 1 **God is love! The heav'ns are telling.**
God is love, let earth rejoice;
all creation singing, praising
and exalting with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation;
God who spread the heavens above;
God who breathes through all creation:
God is love, eternal love.
- 2 **God is love, and love enfolds us,**
all the world in one embrace:
with unfailing grasp God holds us,
ev'ry child of ev'ry race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.

continued...

3 God is love! With mercy boundless
God sustains all human life.
God's eternal loving kindness
guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain.
God is love, so love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

Timothy Rees (1874-1939)

Please sit or kneel.

Confession

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

Silence is kept.

In Christ you came in humility to share our lives; forgive our pride.
Lord, have mercy

All Lord, have mercy

In Christ you came with good news for all people; forgive our silence.
Christ, have mercy

All Christ, have mercy

In Christ you came in love to a world of suffering; forgive our self-centredness.

Lord, have mercy

All Lord, have mercy

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Please stand.

Children gather at the north east door during the Gloria to go to Children's Church.

Gloria in Excelsis



Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High - est. Glo-ry to God in the High - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, Heav'n- ly King, Al- migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High - est.

Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa - ther. Lord God, Lam of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us; You are sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High - est. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly one, You a - lone are the Lord, You a - lone are the most high, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly spi - rit, in the Glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the High - est.

Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Hosea 11: 1-11 *read by Phyllis SantaMaria*

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading Colossians 3: 1-11 *read by Mel Adams*

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.

In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Hear the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel in the centre aisle.

Gospel Hymn

- 1 **In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.**
- 2 **In him shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord,
close binding humankind.**
- 3 **Join hands, then, children of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
who serves my Father as his child
is surely kin to me.**

continued after Gospel reading

Gospel Reading Luke 12: 13-21

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn *continued*

**4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christlike souls are one in him,
throughout the whole wide earth.**

John Oxenham (William Arthur Dunkerley) (1852-1941)

Please sit after the opening prayer.

Sermon Revd Andrew Woodward

Anthem A Prayer of St Columba *Cecilia McDowall*

Be thou a bright flame before us, be thou a guiding star above us, be thou a smooth path below us, and be a kindly shepherd behind us, today, tonight, and for ever. Drive from us all temptation and danger, surround us one the sea of unrighteousness, and in the narrows, crooks, and straits keep thou our coracle, keep it always, today, tonight and forever. Be thou a bright flame...

Attr. St Columba (521-597)

Please stand.

Apostles' Creed

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Please sit or kneel.

Prayers of Intercession *led by Ivan Yuen*

The response to the prayers is:

God of wonder and love,

All **hear our prayer.**

And, at the end:

Merciful Father,

All **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Please stand.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

*During the following hymn a collection will be taken for the ministry and work of St Martin-in-the-Fields. You are welcome to donate in the following ways: **cash in the collection bags** (filling in a Gift Aid envelope if applicable), **using the card machines**, or **scanning the QR code***



Offertory Hymn

- 1 **I, the Lord of sea and sky,**
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

- 2 **I, the Lord of snow and rain,**
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?
Chorus

continued...

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?
Chorus

A musical interlude will be played on the organ before the final chorus is sung

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

Daniel L. Schutte (b. 1947)

Preparation of the Table
Taking of the Bread and Wine

The table is prepared and bread and wine are received from the congregation and placed upon it. The financial gifts of the people are gathered and presented with the following prayer:

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All **All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed be your name, Father most holy, for your steadfast love endures forever. You called Israel to be your child, and out of Egypt you brought forth your son. When Israel turned away and refused you, your compassion grew warm and strong and ruled over your anger, and you led him with cords of kindness and wrapped him in bands of love. Because you could not withdraw, in your great mercy, you sent your infant Son, eternally begotten of you, not only for the children of Israel but for all whom you would embrace as your daughters and sons. By his sacrifice you turned toward the whole world in everlasting love. And so we give you thanks with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven joining the unending hymn.

Ho- ly, Ho- ly, Ho - lyLord, God of po-werand might, Hea-venandearthare
 full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san- na in the high - est.
 est. Bles - sed is he who comes_ in the name_ of the_ Lord.
 Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san- na in the high - est.

Inexhaustible God, you have not stored up treasure for yourself but instead have been rich toward us; you did not keep your Son in heaven but sent him among us to share your boundless inheritance of grace. Send your Spirit upon your church, that grace freely received may be freely shared. Sanctify this bread and cup that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son. Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, blessed and broke it and gave it to them saying, 'This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' After supper he took the cup, again he gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples saying, 'This is the blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Great is the mystery of faith.

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Creating God, in Christ you make a new family of faith where there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free. Revive your church in the very places where human differences threaten to keep your disciples divided. Wherever your church is in dispute with itself and your disciples are in conflict with one another, stir our hearts to repentance, give us humility to discover what love means, and open our imaginations to the life made possible in you. Renew us and all creation in your image, until the day when Christ is all and is in all, Trinity of love and power, one God, now and forever.

All Amen.

Please sit or kneel.

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray, each in our own preferred language.

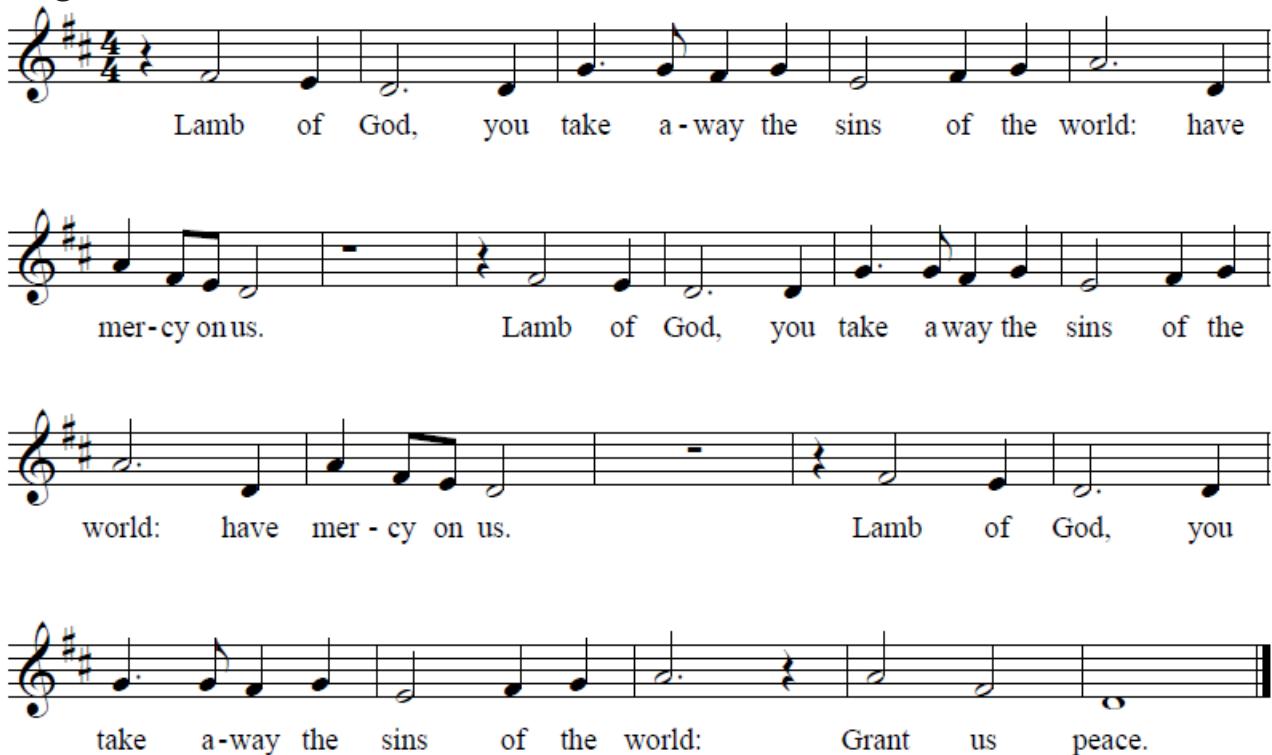
**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the
world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sins of the world: Grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

God's heart is open to us in Christ: let us receive God's love with joy and gladness.

Communicant members of all Christian churches are invited to receive Holy Communion. Bread and wine are available in the central aisle and both side aisles. Gluten-free bread and non-alcoholic wine are available in the south aisle upon request from the assistant. If you wish to receive communion in your seat, do let a steward know.

Communion Anthem Precious Lord, take my hand Dorsey

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home. When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone; hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home. When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone, at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Thomas A. Dorsey (1899-1993)

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

All **Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Dismissal

Notices

Please stand.

Blessing

Christ, who nourishes you with himself, the living bread and the true vine, make you one in praise and service, and raise you up at the last day; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Thanksgiving Hymn

- 1 **Now thank we all our God,
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

- 2 **O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.**

continued...

3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore,
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Nun danket alle Gott, Martin Rinkart (1586-1649), tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Organ Voluntary

Prayers for healing are available at the altar rail after the service.

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